



Marriage Event

Celebrating Arizona's 100th Anniversary of Statehood

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THE FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, 2/14/2012 IS 60 DEGREES WITH A CHANCE OF RAIN. PLEASE BRING UMBRELLAS AND OTHER WEATHER-APPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR THE CEREMONY. ALL EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO KEEP THE EVENT OUTDOORS. IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD INDOORS WITH THE COUPLES AND TWO WITNESSES OVER THE AGE OF 18 FOR EACH COUPLE.

WHO: Arizona Judicial Branch: Supreme Court and Clerks of the Superior Court, unmarried couples and their witnesses, family and friends. Married couples are welcome to attend the ceremony and reflect on their marriage; however, the ceremony does not include renewal of vows.

WHAT: An official wedding ceremony for participants. Unmarried couples can become part of Arizona's history by being married during a ceremony on the steps of the State Courts Building.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 14, 2012. Arrive at 3:00 p.m. with pre-purchased marriage license and government-issued picture ID. Ceremony at 4:00 p.m. **Due to statutory requirements, couples who do not check-in before the ceremony starts will not have their license signed and will have to make other arrangements for a wedding ceremony.**

WHERE: Arizona State Courts Building, East of the State Capitol and Wesley Bolin Plaza. 1501 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

WHY: The Centennial Marriage Event is an officially-sanctioned program held on Arizona's 100th anniversary of statehood.

HOW LONG: This is a one-time event and will end 2/14/2012.

OTHER: This is an outdoor event in direct sunlight. Long periods of standing are required throughout the event. Hundreds of observers are expected and there will be no seating at the event site. Accommodations for participants with a disability are available by calling 602-506-3676 or emailing coccustomerrelations@mail.maricopa.gov.

Any Clerk of the Superior Court in Arizona can issue a marriage license for this event. Licenses are valid for one year from the date of issuance. Statutory license fee of \$72 applies and couples must meet the statutory requirements for marriage at the time they receive their license. For certified copies of your signed license after the event, make arrangements with the Clerk who issued the license.

If you have already purchased an Arizona marriage license, have not conducted a ceremony and want to take part in the event on February 14, 2012, please contact the Clerk of the Superior Court in Maricopa County by calling 602-506-3676 or emailing coccustomerrelations@mail.maricopa.gov.

PARKING

Carpools and public transportation are encouraged. Walking or other forms of travel are required from available parking areas to the grounds of the State Courts Building, which may require travel over grass or rock surfaces in addition to available sidewalks and parking lot surfaces. Free parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parking will be available at the surface lot at the intersection of 15th Avenue and Adams, one block North and one block East of the ceremony. A map of the ceremony location and available parking are on the Clerk's website under the "Centennial Marriage Event" banner: <http://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/>.

STREET CLOSURES: DROP OFF AND PICK UP AREA

Washington Street West of 15th Avenue will be closed during the ceremony. Participants and observers may be dropped off in the closed lane at the ceremony site between 3:00 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. This area will be for drop-off only. Parking will be allowed on the street for vehicles displaying a disabled person placard or plate. Participants and observers who cannot walk distances may be picked up from the closed lane after the ceremony, between 4:45 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

FACILITIES

Come dressed for the ceremony; changing rooms are not provided. Bathrooms are located inside the Courts Building, which requires security screening and passing through a metal detector prior to entry.

WEATHER

Mid-February temperatures in Phoenix average 71 degrees (high) and can fall below 50 degrees after sunset.

RAIN LOCATION

In case of rain, the couples and two witnesses for each couple will be escorted to a conference room inside the Courts Building for the ceremony. An outdoor area with some cover will be available for observers but there is not room for observers inside the Courts Building in the event of rain.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Couples and their friends and family are welcome to take pictures at the ceremony site before and after the ceremony. A photographer is not provided. Immediately after the ceremony the couples may have their picture with the Chief Justice at the time the Justice signs their license. Due to time limitations, the Chief Justice will only be available for pictures with the couples.

COMPLETION OF MARRIAGE LICENSE

Your marriage is not official until the marriage license is completely filled out with the required signatures and recorded by the Clerk's Office. Do not leave the ceremony site until a Clerk's representative confirms your license is complete. You will keep the top portion of the license and the Clerk's Office will keep the bottom portion before you leave the ceremony site. Clerk's representatives will be at tables at the ceremony site.

MEDIA

A section will be available at the event for media cameras and equipment. Contact Jennifer Liewer with questions and to make arrangements by calling 602-452-3656 or email JLiewer@courts.az.gov.